

REMARKS

The above amendments to claim 1 are submitted to supplement Applicants' Response dated July 27, 2010, responding to the Office Action dated May 7, 2010.

By this Response, claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Support for the amended features may be found in FIG. 5 and corresponding description provided in the Specification of the present application. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are currently pending in the application, of which claim 1 is an independent claim.

Applicants wish to thank the new Examiner of Record for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on August 6, 2010. As agreed during the interview, the amendments are being made to further clarify the scope of the present invention and clearly distinguish over the prior art.

As discussed during the interview, in contrast to Takenaka (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0125839), amended independent claim 1 of the present application recites that the "in a floor reaction force detector configured to detect a floor reaction force acting from the floor surface through at least one of the two ground areas the foot portion, and wherein in a footprint view from overhead, when the robot is in a standing-still state, a center of the second joint is offset against a position, the position is of equal distance to a point on each ground area, wherein the point on each ground area is most remote on the ground area from the position."

Takenaka cannot disclose the above-quoted feature of amended independent claim 1, because Fig. 2 of Takenaka illustrates that the center of joint 18R(L) is in line with a center point of a force sensor 44, which is in line with the center point of the foot. Because the center of joint 18R(L) of Takenaka is in line with the center point of the foot, the center of joint 18R(L) cannot be interpreted to be offset against the center point of the foot. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that claims 1-7 be allowed, and this application be passed to issue.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-7, and timely withdrawal of the pending claim rejections for the reasons discussed in Applicants' Response dated July 27, 2010, during the interview, and discussed above.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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